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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum provides an update on 13 County-advocacy measures heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 17, 2011. The Committee will review items placed on the suspense file by August 26, 2011 to determine which measures will move forward.

### Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

**County-supported SB 161 (Huff)**, which as amended on July 13, 2011, would allow, in the absence of a school nurse, non-medical school personnel who have received training on a voluntary basis to administer anti-seizure medication to students who are suffering from epileptic seizures, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on August 17, 2011 due to potential increased State costs.

**County-supported SB 194 (Governance and Finance Committee)**, the Local Government Omnibus Bill, which as amended on June 13, 2011, contains two County-sponsored items which would authorize a county, subject to the approval of its board of supervisors, to accept a payment of a donation, gift, bequest or devise made to or in favor of a county, or to or in favor of the board of supervisors of a county, by credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer; and raise the dollar limit on county highway contracts' change orders from \$150,000 to \$210,000, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a consent vote of 17 to 0 on August 17, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

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**County-opposed SB 244 (Wolk)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would expand the planning and zoning law to require a city or county to amend its general plan to address the presence of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities, inside or near its boundaries, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on August 17, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported SB 397 (Yee)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would authorize counties to develop and use an electronic voter registration system that would be operable until a statewide system is implemented, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on August 17, 2011 due to potential increased State costs.

**County-supported SB 450 (Lowenthal)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would impose restrictions and requirements on the use of Low and Moderate Income Housing funds by Redevelopment Agencies, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on August 17, 2011 due to potential increased State costs.

**County-opposed SB 469 (Vargas)**, which as amended on May 10, 2011, would require the inclusion of an economic impact report in any retail superstore development permit application submitted to a city, county or city and county, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee for one week and will be heard on August 24, 2011.

**County-supported SB 482 (Kehoe)**, which as amended on June 20, 2011, would transfer the primary responsibility for beach water quality monitoring from the State Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on August 17, 2011 due to potential increased State costs.

**County-supported SB 502 (Pavley)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would establish the Hospital Infant Feeding Protection Act and would require all general acute care hospitals and special hospitals which have a Perinatal unit to have an infant-feeding policy in place or on the health system's website, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on August 17, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported SB 568 (Lowenthal)**, which as amended on July 12, 2011, would prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food in a polystyrene foam food container, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on August 17, 2011 due to potential increased State costs.

**County-supported SB 586 (Pavley)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would impose a series of restrictions on the issuance of signature stamps by state-chartered banks and credit unions, and would define how revenues from fines for certain crimes against elder and dependent adults would be dedicated to county Adult Protective Services Programs, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on August 17, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-opposed SB 744 (Wyland)**, which as amended on July 13, 2011, would exempt water submeters for use in a multiunit residential structure from testing and approval by the county sealer before they are placed into service for commercial use, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 16 to 0 on August 17, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported SB 746 (Lieu)**, which as amended on March 22, 2011, would prohibit persons under 18 years of age from utilizing UV tanning devices and would eliminate the option for parents to provide consent for their minor children over the age of 14 from using UV tanning devices, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on August 17, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-opposed SB 776 (DeSaulnier)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would continue to impose requirements related to the expenditure of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds for adult and dislocated worker job training programs, among other provisions, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on August 17, 2011 due to new expenditure requirements for WIA funds on job training programs. The legislative deadline to report bills out of the fiscal committees is August 26, 2011. The County's Sacramento advocates testified in opposition to the bill at the Committee hearing, in addition to other counties and advocacy groups, such as the California Workforce Association and the Southern California Workforce Partnership.

As amended on August 15, 2011, SB 776 would:

- Establish threshold requirements for the percentage of WIA formula funds provided to local workforce investment boards to be spent on workforce training programs as follows: 1) at least 20 percent beginning Federal program year 2012; and 2) at least 25 percent in 2016;
- Provide the California Workforce Investment Board with the authority to raise the statutory minimum percentage required to be spent on training;

- Require that only expenditures on training services would count toward the minimum percentage requirements;
- Require the Employment Development Department (EDD), beginning with 2012 program year, to calculate whether each local workforce investment board met the expenditure requirements of the bill; and
- Require the local workforce investment board that does not meet the expenditure requirements of the bill to provide EDD with a corrective action plan within 90 days of receiving its calculation, and would make that local workforce investment board ineligible to receive any of the 15 percent of total WIA funds which are allocated at the discretion of the State.

The Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) indicates that SB 776, as amended on August 15, 2011, would put the WIA system in a worse position than the June 15, 2011 version of the bill, and we concur. Although the new amendments reduce the percentages used for the minimum spending requirements from 40 percent to 25 percent in Federal program year 2016, the benefit of the reduction is offset by a narrower definition of training services and related services which would count towards the minimum spending requirements. In addition, the bill contains new language authorizing the California Workforce Investment Board to unilaterally increase the minimum spending requirements.

Therefore, consistent with your Board directive on June 28, 2011, the County will continue to oppose SB 776.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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